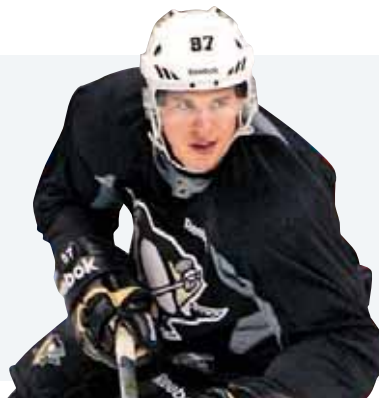


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Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508 president Ken Wilson walks toward a group of reporters following a union vote at the Halifax Forum's Multipurpose Room on Tuesday. ATU members voted 88 per cent in favour of the contract between the union and Metro Transit. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Transit set to ride again

Strike over. Ratified deal to cost HRM \$5.6 million, well within boundary set by council



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It took Halifax regional council nearly two hours to accept the contract to end the transit strike.

Earlier in the day, 88 per cent of the union accepted the deal and council ratified the five-year contract by a vote of 19-2.

"Elated. Ecstatic. Happy. I mean, pick a word," said Ken Wilson, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508 after he was told the news. "Relieved that it's over."

Transit workers will get a \$4,000 lump sum this year, then two per cent raises in the next four years. Rostering is part of the deal,

but the union will have some say. Three rostering, or scheduling, options will be given to the union and they will choose one then negotiate back and forth with management.

There are also new agreements on accident reviews, the vacation board, lower wages for new workers, and others.

Wilson said the union could deal with the rostering issue if it was a made-in-Halifax solution. Mayor Peter Kelly said it helped that council stated firmly rostering was a must.

"For us it was about holding strong to the concerns the public raised to us and we wanted to make sure we do gain management control," Kelly said.

Part of the motion passed by council involves two concessions for the public: free transit for the rest of March, and February passes will be honoured for April. The free transit will cost \$1.5 million, but it's largely offset by recent savings of \$2.8 million and a surplus

Back up and running

- **Ferries.** Will start up again on Thursday
- **Buses.** Service, including MetroLink and MetroX, will start Friday
- **Access-A-Bus.** Service will be back fully on Monday

budget, said Eddie Robar, director of Metro Transit.

He said the free service will help get riders back on board and it's a gesture of goodwill that he hopes will allay the public's blame of the strike on the drivers. Some drivers have expressed safety concerns due to the strike.

First thing Wednesday morning, Wilson will meet with Metro Transit management on a plan to get back to work, Robar said. Mechanics will start work in the afternoon and ferries will run drills in the harbour.

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Behind closed doors

Two nays and a walkout as council votes on transit deal

Two HRM councillors voted against the transit contract on Tuesday night and one left the in-camera meeting in protest.

There was some grumbling before the meeting started that discussion on the proposed transit deal should be held in public, but Mayor Peter Kelly said it was all part of the negotiation process and that required discussion behind closed doors.

Coun. Sue Uteck left the meeting in protest.

"I don't believe there's a detail that the public hasn't known today that council isn't aware of," she said.

"They're going to put us in camera, then I'm going to come out and have to ratify a deal and not able to tell you why I ratified or voted against it."

Uteck said there are some clauses in the contract she doesn't agree with, but it doesn't matter since it was a take-it-or-leave-it vote. By leaving the meeting, she lost her vote, but said it wouldn't have mattered.

Councillors David Hendsbee and Darren Fisher voted against the contract for different reasons.

"I thought that the union was still having too much control over the rostering schedule," Hendsbee said. "It seems that they have some kind of oversight or what I call veto on it."

Fisher said his vote reflected the will of his constituents, and they didn't like the \$4,000 signing bonus.

"It's a tough one because I'm thrilled to have the efficiencies, but the feedback I was getting was don't accept the lump sum."

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO



Coun. Sue Uteck. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



Bus driver Elaine Crouse gives Wally Walsh of the Amalgamated Transit Union negotiating team a kiss after a union vote on Tuesday to accept the contract between the ATU and Metro Transit. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

It's back to work

Transit strike ending. Union members spent close to six weeks on picket lines



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Bus and transit workers expressed relief on Tuesday that the 41-day strike is coming to an end.

Exiting the Halifax Forum after voting 88 per cent in favour of a new deal with Metro Transit, members of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508 said they're looking forward to

Fruits of labour

"(The deal) was livable, manageable, and it was the way to get people back to work and the buses and the ferries back in service."

Ken Wilson, president, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508

getting back on the road.

"I felt sorry (the public) was caught in it. And I felt sorry for our clients. I was glad the dialysis (patients were) looked after," said Tina Havlik, who has driven the Access-a-Bus for two and a half years.

"I just wanted to be the one driving them.... I wanted to be behind the wheel driving it."

Of the 643 members who voted, almost nine out of 10 opted to take the negotiated deal. Metro Transit could resume service as early as Friday.

Jason Barnes, who has worked for Metro Transit for four years, said he thinks drivers have been given a rough ride by the public. But he said he was proud to walk the line to

get the best deal possible.

"We got a deal that puts us back to work. That's the important thing," he said. "Some of the issues were resolved, but it still comes down to there's still some issues that will be in this contract that we'll have to learn to accept."

But not all members were satisfied with the deal.

"I went on strike six weeks ago because I didn't want rostering in," said Elaine Crouse, a three-year transit veteran. "And I voted no today for the same reason."

Still, Crouse, whose husband also works for Metro Transit, said she was glad to be going back to work.

Strike back. How do you feel now that it's all over?



@DeniM4678 : my thoughts on this whole mess is both sides have a lot to make up for, a lot of face to recover, and a lot of ppl angry.

@Goddess_Anioia : I am so happy that I don't have to rely on other peoples kindness to get to and from work.

@GeoffGWilson : As a taxpayer: angry this went on so long, cost so much. As a transit user: upset at the fare increase. Generally feeling screwed.

@Yuumei_Liu : drivers will be on the receiving end of a lot of angry civilians, halting public services

they lost our respect.

@DartmouthDerek : glad to hear the #transitstrike is over and that we'll be riding transit free for the rest of march.

@NoraTTLXOX : Im glad its over,

people can continue with their daily lives. This was an inconvenience for all of Metro with no point at all!

@TheDrake1001 : I wonder how long the tension and awkwardness lasts for passengers and the drivers.



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Mobile news



The boyfriend of a fatal car accident victim is using a series of heart-wrenching text messages to warn people not to text and drive. Scan the code for the story.



On the web

Breakin' it down to build 'em back up

What began as a break-dancing lesson has evolved into a "confidence-building class" for students with disabilities. Watch at metronews.ca/video

Barry Edward Sinclair. No bail for man facing voyeurism charges

A 49-year-old Dartmouth man accused of five counts of voyeurism and two counts of break-and-enter won't be getting bail.

Barry Edward Sinclair appeared in Halifax provincial court on Tuesday, and waived his right to a bail hearing, according to the CBC.

He is scheduled to be back in court on April 23.

According to police, a search of Sinclair's Dartmouth residence turned up drugs, as well as pictures of four women who appear to have been photographed inside their homes and without



Barry Sinclair RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

their knowledge, police say.

After police released those photos to the media, three women came forward, ultimately leading to the charges against Sinclair. **METRO**

Parking lot death. Police don't believe woman's death suspicious

Police say they don't believe the death of a woman whose body was found in a Dartmouth parking lot on Monday is suspicious in nature.

Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Const. Kathryn Willett said an autopsy has been conducted on the woman, but further testing is required to determine the cause of death.

At about 10 a.m. on Monday, a passerby noticed an adult woman inside a car in the lot at 82 Tacoma Dr.

When officers arrived, it was confirmed she was dead.

The victim was found on the passenger's side of the car, and no one else was inside.

**PHILIP CROUCHER/
METRO**

Cowie Hill. Police investigate after house with child inside shot at

Police are investigating after a home with two adults and an eight-year-old inside was shot at early Tuesday morning.

Halifax Regional Police say they were called to a home in the 0 to 100 block of Bromley Road in Cowie Hill at 12:20 a.m. Evidence at the scene showed a shot had been fired into the

second-floor residence, a police release states.

"Nobody was injured, thank goodness," said police spokeswoman Const. Kathryn Willett. "We don't know if these people were known to one other, if it was accidental, if it was random. We haven't ruled anything out as of yet."

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

South Shore

Second-degree murder charge in woman's death

The RCMP have charged a man with second-degree murder in the death of a woman whose body was found at her home in the South Shore.

Staff Sgt. Bruce Hill says 18-year-old John Buckley was arrested Monday at the Atlantica Hotel in Western Shore.

Buckley appeared in court in Bridgewater on

Thursday.

RCMP have not released the cause of death for Victoria Brauns-Buckley.

Police would not comment on reports Buckley is the son of Brauns-Buckley, citing privacy concerns.

The 57-year-old woman's body was discovered at a home on Borgels Point Road in Chester Basin on March 2 after paramedics had responded to an emergency call regarding a sudden death.

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Glen Race, left, charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the 2007 deaths of Michael Knott and Trevor Brewster, arrives at provincial court in Dartmouth on Tuesday. In October 2010, Race was extradited from the United States, where he was serving a life sentence for the 2007 shooting death of a New York man.

Murder trial to focus on mental illness: Lawyer

2007 deaths. Glen Race waves right to preliminary hearing, going straight to trial

The Crown and defence say the upcoming trial of a Dartmouth man accused of murdering two men in 2007 will focus on his mental state at the time.

Glen Race's lawyer told a provincial court hearing Tuesday that his 31-year-old client has agreed to proceed directly to trial in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia without a preliminary hearing.

Race was extradited from the United States about 18

months ago to face first-degree murder charges in the deaths of 44-year-old Michael Knott and 45-year-old Trevor Brewster. He has not entered pleas on the charges.

Knott's body was found in a wooded path in southwestern Nova Scotia on May 5, 2007, while Brewster's body was discovered four days later under a boardwalk at a lake in Halifax.

Race's parents have said he was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, and they believe he was suffering from psychotic episodes at the time.

Crown attorney Mark Heerema says prosecutors believe there is sufficient evidence to proceed to trial, where

Medication

- Glen Race appears to have gained weight since his extradition, which defence lawyer Joel Pink attributed to the medical treatment he has received since coming back to Canada.
- "His paranoid schizophrenia is being controlled by medication and as long as he's on his medication he's able to communicate. It's when he's off his medication that we have problems," Pink said.

the key issue will be Race's mental health.

"We expect the mental health status of Mr. Race will be the front-and-centre issue in this trial and we're preparing accordingly," Heerema said in an interview outside of court.

Defence lawyer Joel Pink also said forensic psychiatric assessments of Race will be central in the case.

"I expect down the road the courts will have to decide whether he was criminally responsible for the acts he was alleged to have committed," he said outside court.

Race nodded and said "all right" when the judge informed him his next court appearance would be on April 5.

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Police at the scene of the home where Kevin Farren was found dead.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Police ID murder victim

Police still have no suspects in the killing of a Waverley man from last week.

Halifax Regional Police identified the victim on Tuesday — 61-year-old Kevin Farren — whose body was found inside a home at 56 Havenbrook Hill in the Portland Estates subdivision in Dartmouth, early Friday morning.

Two men were taken into custody about an hour later, but released without charges.

Police spokeswoman Const. Kathryn Willett said Tuesday investigators don't know why Farren was inside the home. He was found in the basement.

According to the provincial Registry of Joint Stock Companies, Farren was an accountant for Newport Construction Ltd., a construction company owned by Mohammad Rashidi, who is listed as the owner of the home where the victim was found.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

Surrender

Attempted-murder charge in stabbing

A 31-year-old man who turned himself in to police faces an attempted-murder charge in connection with a stabbing at a parkade on March 3. A 28-year-old man was found suffering from life-threatening injuries.

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Leadership

MLA Epstein backs Dewar for NDP

Halifax Chebucto MLA Howard Epstein has voted for Paul Dewar as the next federal NDP leader. Epstein cast his ballot on Monday for the convention slated for March 23-24. A release states his second choice was for Brian Topp. **METRO**



Howard Epstein. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Rebranding

LumberMart and ACE under one roof

Local home improvement retailer LumberMart is joining forces with ACE Hardware at its Halifax and Dartmouth locations starting this spring.

In a release issued Tuesday, LumberMart says the two HRM locations will have renovations done and ACE

will use the stores to expand their brand into the local marketplace.

LumberMart was first opened in 1984 and will remain locally owned by Fred and Lynn O'Hearn, the release states.

"It was truly a no-brainer to go forward with the re-branding," said Jason O'Hearn, the son of Fred and Lynn, in a release about this new partnership with ACE.

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New contract

Dalhousie faculty set to cast its vote

Faculty at Dalhousie University will begin voting on its new contract Thursday. The Dalhousie Faculty Association says voting will begin after a general meeting on Thursday and continue on Friday and Monday. **METRO**

Airport commissionaires ready to walk



Commissionaires walk toward the Halifax Stanfield Airport for an information picket on Tuesday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Union warning.

Possible strike would have effect on passengers



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About 100 commissionaires marched on the Halifax Stanfield International Airport Tuesday afternoon.

For some of them, it was shortly before their shifts started.

With a possible strike in the near future, the 175 commissionaires showed some of their frustration with the negotiation process on Tuesday.

"We're just waiting for our essential-service agreement and once we get that settled, then we give a 72-hour notice and we're in a strike position," said Jeannie Baldwin, regional executive vice-president of the public service alliance of Canada (PSAC).

Because their duties involve health-and-safety aspects, a fraction of commissionaires will still work if a strike is called, but the air-traveling public would still notice a disruption.

"Parking will be a big issue," Baldwin said while walking behind the picketers to the airport Tuesday.

"We look after the parking facilities here, the Park and Fly. That would be slowed down

The Vote

90%

According to the union, the employer wants employees to vote again on the final offer but the union declined since they already rejected it with a 90 per cent vote.

and I'm not sure if they'll be able to offer that service up to a level it is now."

Commissionaires are also the ones to clear away parking complaints like double-parked cars.

Wages and retroactive pay are at the centre of the dispute. PSAC and Commissionaires N.S. have been negotiating a contract since January 2009.

"They're ex-military, ex-veterans affairs, ex-RCMP officers, those that have provided service to this country," Baldwin said.

"Some of them earn back wages which is equivalent to about \$11.73 an hour, and most of them spend \$40-\$60 a week out of their salary just to cover gas. So wages have to improve."

They're also looking for retroactive pay from a court-imposed settlement that is being appealed.

Baldwin said a strike could happen by next week, but it's a last resort and the two sides aren't that far apart.

Commissionaires Nova Scotia could not be reached for comment late Tuesday.



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Hammer blows, yes, but no 'play by play' on alleged rape

Caution: Graphic content. Eight-year-old girl's killer tells a jury of horrifying events that took place in an Ontario farmer's field

Terri-Lynne McClintic has told a jury she's the one who delivered what the Crown alleges were the fatal blows to eight-year-old Victoria Stafford.

McClintic testified Tuesday at Michael Rafferty's first-degree murder trial in London, Ont., and detailed the events surrounding the abduction and death of the little girl.

The Grade 3 student went missing outside her Woodstock, Ont., school on April 8, 2009, and the Crown alleges she died from multiple blows to her head with a hammer the same day.

McClintic told the jury she struck Tori with the hammer "maybe three" times in a farmer's field after a garbage bag was placed over the girl's head.

McClintic, at times wiping tears from her face and taking long pauses, told the court

she saw Rafferty attempt to rape the girl before that, but didn't "stay there and watch. I can't really give you play-by-play."

McClintic did note that when she took the girl to use the washroom in the field, after Tori had been alone with Rafferty, she noticed blood in the snow.

"I told her I was sorry. She told me just don't let him do it again," McClintic said.

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping. McClintic pleaded guilty in 2010, to first-degree murder and is serving a life sentence.

She told the jury Tuesday Rafferty wanted a "young female, because the younger they were, the easier they were to manipulate."

She told the jury she

lured Tori into Rafferty's car with the promise of seeing a puppy. She said while driving on Highway 401 with Tori in the car Rafferty said: "We can't just keep her, but we can't take her back."

McClintic told the jury that when Rafferty said he intended to have sex with the girl she "didn't want to acknowledge that."

"I remember him telling me to look for a spot. I said 'A spot for what?' and he didn't answer me," she said.

Court also heard that Rafferty began masturbating as he pulled the car off a country road, and that once stopped in the field McClintic walked away because she "knew what was going to happen."

"I believed he was going to rape Tori," McClintic said.

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That fateful first meeting

- **Pizza.** Terri-Lynne McClintic and Michael Rafferty met at a pizza shop in February 2009, went for a drive and had sex in his car, she testified.
- **Sex.** They had sex on three more occasions, including once at a movie theatre.
- **Crime.** McClintic had several convictions for assaults and was wanted by police for parole violation.



Terri-Lynne McClintic testifies at the Michael Rafferty murder trial in London, Ont., on Tuesday. She said she was high on drugs when Rafferty urged her to kidnap a little girl. TAMMY HOY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dozens dead, dozens more missing after ferry capsizes



On the banks of the Meghna River, relatives wait for the loved ones they have lost. PAVEL RAHMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A ferry packed with about 200 people capsized in a river in southern Bangladesh on Tuesday, killing at least 31 people and leaving dozens missing.

Local police chief Mohammad Shahabuddin Khan said about 35 people were rescued after the ferry sank on the Meghna River after colliding with a cargo boat.

Divers have recovered 31 bodies from inside the sunken ferry, he said.

He said the dead included a young woman found cradling her baby's lifeless body.

"The death toll is likely to rise as more bodies are feared trapped inside," Khan said.

One of the divers, Moham-

Survivor

"I was awakened with a big jolt. I jumped into the river in darkness."

Dulal Dewan, a businessman who survived

mad Alauddin, said there were still bodies inside the sunken ferry, some of them buried under cargo.

Hundreds of anxious people, many of them weeping, gathered near the scene of the accident to look for their loved ones.

The MV Shariatpur-1 was travelling to the capital, Dhaka, from neighbouring Shariatpur district to the southwest.

The accident site is in Munshiganj district, 32 kilometres south of Dhaka.

Businessman Dulal Dewan, described a scene of chaos as the ferry collided with the other ship.

"In minutes there were screams all around," he said. "People were shouting for help."

Dewan said he was rescued by a nearby boat.

But eight other family members travelling with him were still unaccounted for.

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Diet. An eat-less-salt campaign lacked that winning flavour: Study

An ad blitz to get people to reduce the salt in their diets may not have been ... uh, worth its salt.

A government study couldn't tell whether the Give Your Head A Shake campaign changed any eating habits in a test case that took place in eastern Ontario.

Local health centres in the Champlain region kicked off a campaign in August 2009 to try to persuade people in the area to consume less sodium.

The federal government spent \$194,000 to evaluate the results of that campaign.

The study looked at two groups of adults between the ages of 35 and 50.

The Champlain group was exposed to the sodium campaign and a control group in a different town was not.

The Give Your Head A Shake campaign consisted of newspaper, TV and radio ads.

Registered dietitians also came up with dozens of "quick and easy" tips to reduce sodium, such as mix-

Don't pass the salt

Ottawa's sodium-reduction strategy calls on manufacturers and restaurants to voluntarily cut sodium levels.

- **Too much.** The average Canadian consumes about 3,400 milligrams of sodium a day. Ottawa would like to see that lowered to 2,300 milligrams by 2016.

ing olive oil, lemon juice and herbs instead of using bottled marinades, or adding your own seasoning to chicken.

But when it came to actually reducing sodium, neither group changed their eating habits in a meaningful way.

"There were no significant differences documented for participants reporting they reduced the amount of sodium they ate in the past 30 days," the study says.

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Liberal interim leader Bob Rae is urging the Tories to come clean on any robocall tactics used in the last election.

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Rae comes clean on Liberal robocalls

Robocalls. Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae reveals party's phone scripts and makes public call for Harper's Tories to do the same

The Liberal party has given Elections Canada samples of its robocall messages and scripts for live calls to voters during last spring's election campaign.

Interim leader Bob Rae says in a letter to the agency that the party has recordings of all its campaign robocalls and will make them available if needed for the investigation into alleged vote-suppression tactics.

And he's calling on the Conservatives to be equally transparent.

Elections Canada is investigating thousands of complaints about fraudulent robocalls in which someone purporting to be calling on

behalf of the agency misdirected voters to non-existent polling locations.

The watchdog is also looking into harassing live calls that were purportedly made on behalf of an opposition party but that appeared aimed at alienating that party's supporters.

Opposition parties accuse the Conservatives of masterminding a widespread, vote-suppression scheme since discovering that fraudulent robocalls in the hotly contested riding of Guelph had been traced to a company used by Tory candidates.

However, the Tories have fought back by accusing the Liberals of their own misdeeds, including a robocall in Guelph that attacked the Tory candidate's position on abortion without saying that the call was being made on behalf of Liberal incumbent Frank Valeriote.

Valeriote has said he's already come clean about that robocall with Elections Canada investigators.

Robocall

"The complaints being made by Canadians are disturbing and unprecedented and must be resolved."

Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae, in a letter to election commissioner William Corbett

In a letter to election commissioner William Corbett, Rae says election financial returns already filed by the party and its local candidates include all relevant financial information about live and automated phone services used during the campaign. He offers to supply more records if necessary.

In a veiled reference to the Tories, Rae adds: "We feel it would be irresponsible and tantamount to obstruction for any political party to be anything less than fully transparent and co-operative with your investigation."

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Giraffe dies at Indonesian zoo once renowned for care

Zoo. Critics say there's not enough money to care for the animals, much less invest in improving the zoo's facilities

The tigers are emaciated and the 180 pelicans packed so tightly they cannot unfurl their wings without hitting a neigh-

bour. Last week, a giraffe died with a beachball-sized wad of plastic food wrappers in its belly.

That death has focused new attention on the scandalous conditions at Indonesia's largest zoo. Set up nearly a century ago in one of the most biologically diverse corners of the planet, it once boasted the most impressive collection in Southeast Asia.

But today the Surabaya Zoo is a nightmare, plagued by

uncontrolled breeding, a lack of funding for general animal welfare and even persistent suspicions that members of its own staff are involved in illegal wildlife trafficking.

The rarest species, including Komodo dragons and critically endangered orangutans, sit in dank, unsanitary cages, filling up on peanuts tossed over the fence by giggling visitors.

"This is extremely tragic, but of course by no means surprising in Indonesia's zoos,

given the appalling way they are managed on the whole," said Ian Singleton, a former zookeeper who now runs an orangutan-conservation program on Sumatra island.

The zoo came under heavy fire two years ago following reports that 25 of its 4,000 animals were dying every month, almost all of them prematurely. They included an African lion, a Sumatran tiger and several crocodiles.

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In this March 10 photo, a bengal white tiger that is missing an ear and suffers from a spinal problem lies inside a cage at the quarantine section of Surabaya Zoo.

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Quebec students take to the streets of Montreal to protest tuition hikes

Striking students continue demonstrations against tuition hikes Tuesday as Quebec's increasingly bitter dispute over tuition-fee hikes threatens to heat up even more. PAUL CHASSAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Education. London web developer campaigns to put HTML on curriculum

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News

A 25-year-old London web designer is leading a campaign to put "web languages" HTML, CSS and Javascript on the national curriculum, so that every child in Britain ("and then the world") receives a compulsory education from the age of six.

"I want to teach the world to code," Alasdair Blackwell told Metro. "It's about empowering people to control their computers, instead of the other way round. Software underwrites almost



Alasdair Blackwell. CONTRIBUTED

everything we do and people need to understand it."

His company, Decoded, already provides free training sessions to kids in London schools and hopes to greatly expand the program.

Italy. Mayor bans locals from dying after feud with neighbouring town

Since the start of the month it has been illegal to die in the town of Falciano del Massico.

The village is home to approximately 3,700 people, 50 kilometres from Naples in southern Italy.

Mayor Giulio Cesare Fava issued the tongue-in-cheek decree because the village has no cemetery and it is feuding with a nearby town that has one.

This is creating a logistical nightmare for residents and town officials about what to do with remains and

Death

"Unfortunately, two elderly citizens disobeyed."

Giulio Cesare Fava, the mayor of Falciano del Massico after an Italian town made it illegal to die

how to respectfully dispose of the deceased. The town's mayor, however, told newspapers that villagers are content. "The ordinance has brought happiness," he was quoted Tuesday as saying.

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Crime. Quebec will attempt to soften effects of Bill C-10

The debate isn't over yet for the Conservative government's criminal-justice legislation — at least not in Quebec.

The provincial government announced Tuesday that it would do everything in its power to limit the clout of the legislation that passed a day earlier.

Because the provinces are responsible for applying the laws passed in Ottawa, Quebec says it will work to soften Bill C-10 where possible.

The provincial minister said he will issue a directive to various players in the jus-

tice system to avoid applying the strictest provisions of the crime bill — particularly when it comes to youth offenders.

"It is not a plan to abolish C-10," Jean-Marc Fournier said at a conference Tuesday.

Some provinces, including Quebec, also say Ottawa should be responsible for paying for the new jail spaces that will be required as a result of the legislation. Quebec pegs the costs at \$750 million for new prisons, and at up to \$80 million a year for application of the new rules.

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Former Murdoch exec arrested in phone-hacking scandal

U.K. media. Police appear to have abandoned lenient tactics in light of the scope of wrongdoing

Former News International executive Rebekah Brooks and her racehorse trainer husband Charlie were arrested Tuesday in dawn raids that also netted four other suspects in the spreading phone-hacking scandal.

Police said the six people were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. The charge is an indication that investigators may be focusing on a possible coverup of the scope of phone hacking rather than the illegal hacking itself.

It was the most arrests in a single day since "Operation Weeting" — as the police investigation into phone hacking is known — began arresting reporters, senior news executives, police officers and others suspected of criminal acts.

The early morning police swoop brought the scandal to Prime Minister David Cameron's immediate social circle.



Rebekah Brooks
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Police procedures

- Deputy Assistant Commissioner Sue Akers testified last month that the practice of making arrests without warning is an attempt to "secure best evidence and prevent suspects conferring or disposing of evidence."

Cameron said at a press conference earlier this month that Charlie Brooks was a longtime friend.

Police said all but one of the suspects were released on bail Tuesday evening after questioning. The Brookses are believed to be among those released on bail.

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Mirror, mirror on the wall

A new 'magic mirror,' developed by Apache Solutions, allows shoppers to virtually try on clothes. The mirror itself is a large 88-inch plasma screen that displays 3D catalogue images. METRO WORLD NEWS

Fishy fortune

Clearwater Seafoods' profits rise

Clearwater Seafoods Inc. rose to profitability in the fourth quarter as pricing and supply contributed to improved results.

The company had a \$16.4-million profit in the fourth quarter, an improvement from the year-earlier period when the Halifax-based company booked a loss of \$4.9 million. Revenue was \$87.1

million, rising from \$82.8 million a year earlier.

Clearwater attributed the improvement to higher sales prices and a shift to higher-margin species of seafood. Those positive factors were partially offset by lower sales volumes, higher costs and an strong Canadian dollar.

Chief executive Ian Smith says demand for Clearwater's products continues to be strong and it looks as if earnings momentum will continue in 2012.

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Hello, fellow cat jugglers. Of course, it just feels as if we're juggling cats. In reality, we're juggling meetings, unreasonable demands, inboxes, texts, tweets and PowerPoints.

Did I mention unreasonable demands?

And if you drop one, it feels just like an unhappy tomat landing on your face.

Here's some good news: you've already survived the peak cat-juggling moment of the week, which, according to a 2011 British survey of 3,000 employees between 18 and 45 by Michael Page International, is Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

It's all downhill from that point. From there, it's just kitten bouncing.

You might be surprised that it's not Monday, the traditional black cat that curls up in the cubicles of wage slaves. The survey reveals that people aren't really back to work Monday; they're easing themselves back into the saddle, catching up with colleagues about the weekend and ignoring emails and in-baskets.

The trouble is, none of that stuff goes away, and by Tuesday at 10 a.m. the cats start howling.

A good time to go for coffee. Or walk the dog.

Personally, I think Sunday, bloody Sunday, is the most stressful time of the week, particularly Sunday afternoon, which is when you start thinking about what it's going to be like on Tuesday morning. There you are, sharing a gelato with your honey on a fine Sunday afternoon, and it occurs to you that you better get that presentation done by Tuesday at 10 a.m., or the boss will feed you to the tigers.

For a lot of people, every day is a bad day. Three-quarters of the survey respondents are done by 11:16. Every day.

Considering there are still five hours and 45 minutes remaining in the average work day, we have a problem. If the survey is in any way a reflection of reality, three-quarters

of us should just put on our coats and go home before noon, and leave the afternoon to those people who are actually working. They may not even notice as you go by, because those tabbies are tough to twirl by their tails and require a lot of attention and dexterity.

(And treats. Don't forget that, if all else fails, cats are easy to bribe with tuna snacks.)

If you believe the survey, one in five should not even bother to turn up in the morning, because they're done by 9 a.m. Never mind hump day or TGIF, these people need extended beach therapy, which consists mainly of unregulated access to drinks with little umbrellas.

Plus, when was the last time you saw a cat on the beach?



Are you an office juggler or a cat-napper? GANDINI JUGGLERS/CONTRIBUTED

A lesson from the sky



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25 Palestinians dead

Four-day rocket fire ends in truce

ASHDOD, ISRAEL. Some Israeli school girls take cover next to a bus during a rocket attack from the Gaza Strip, 38 kilometres south of Ashdod.

An Egyptian-brokered truce on Tuesday quelled cross-border fire between Israel and Palestinian militants, which left 25 dead in Gaza and three wounded in Israel.

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Violence ebbs

"Until last night, our house was shaking. The bombing has been terrible because it came out of nowhere. A total surprise, that's the worst part."

Yasmeen El Khoudary, 21, Gaza City-based blogger and activist

Arrow II interceptor

Israel repels 3 out of 4 rockets

DEFENCE. "This was a mini drill," for Iran, claimed one official after Israel managed to absorb some 75 per cent of Palestinian rocket fire over a four-day period, using its Iron Dome missile intercept-or system.

The other Arrow II interceptor, so far proven only in trials, has a shoot-down rate of some 90 per cent.

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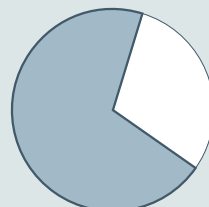
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Rooted and Undun

Q & A. Roots drummer Questlove on latest albums, Philly, Jay-Z, Jimmy Fallon and Amy Winehouse

The Roots aren't known for selling records. While the hip-hop band has released 14 albums — mostly to critical acclaim — only two have managed to crack gold status.

But even though bandleader Questlove might have enjoyed the money that comes along with multiplatinum records, he wouldn't trade the group's rarified position in the music world for it.

"Mostly for black artists, we're really not afforded — unless you're a jazz artist — you're really not afforded the luxury of making an art record, or a concept record, or a passion project," said Questlove, born Ahmir Thompson. "For some strange, odd reason, and I'm not ever going to argue it, The Roots have always (had that luxury)."

And The Roots, the house band for Late Night With Jimmy Fallon since 2009, have had support from high places to maintain that luxury. When Jay-Z was president of Def Jam, he signed The Roots to the label and told them to maintain their sound and integrity, even if it meant fewer sales.

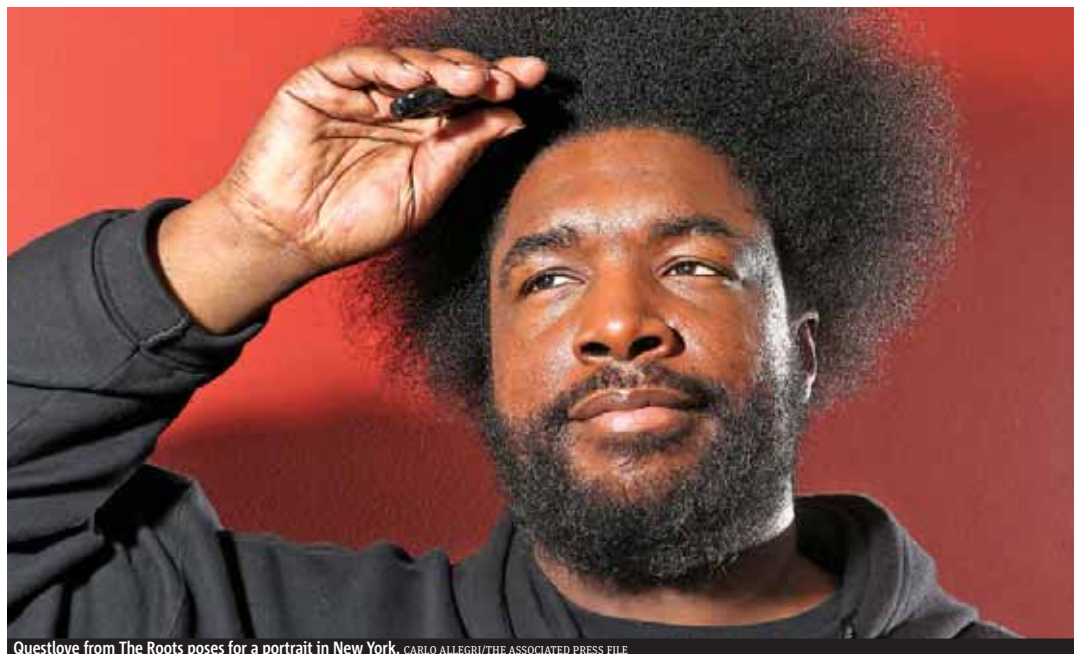
"(Jay-Z) didn't want to be known as the bad guy that killed The Roots," Questlove said.

The Roots put out two CDs

On Amy Winehouse

"I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz... There's so much more I could have learned. She's a teacher."

Questlove



Questlove from The Roots poses for a portrait in New York. CARLO ALLEGRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

last year with the Betty Wright-assisted Betty Wright: The Movie and Undun, which debuted at No. 17 on the Billboard charts. Both landed on several critics' best-of-the-year lists.

Jay-Z gave you guys some good advice.

I told Jay, "Like man, that would be nice to have all my records debut at No. 1 and stuff." But he's like, "Yeah, but you're just looking at that. I got to deal with beef with this cat and that cat. Every year some rapper's going to take a potshot and I got to take the gloves out the closet and start training." ... And (Jay-Z) sees me as an artist making my dream come true. Like, he wants to be seen as a true artist, not the richest guy in hip-hop. Meanwhile, I would like 13 zeros in my account.

Undun is about the death of fictional drug dealer Redford Stevens, but the story is told

from beginning to end. How did the concept come about?

We wanted to tell his story because we've known a billion Redford Stevens in Philadelphia. Philadelphia has been sort of mired and drenched into a lot of random acts of crime, very un-brotherly like in the last decade or so, and we wanted to show the direct result.

You recorded an album with Betty Wright at the same time. What was that like?

I figured I wanted to dedicate the rest of my existence (to) creating source material so that someone else can have something to sample in 2040 once this becomes a dated record. I'm just trying to create the soulful records that will still be used. And it's funny because Betty never understood why I wanted to put a drum break at the beginning, she just wanted to sing. I'm like, "No. No. No. Drum break. Trust me on this

one. You'll thank me 30 years from now when you get your publishing checks."

You were close to Amy Winehouse. What was your relationship like with her?

She's such a jazz snob. I couldn't stand it, but I was obsessed with it because once we exchanged information, she would always be on her computer sending me MP3s (like), "Listen to this." ... We spent a lot of time on Skype talking about crazy ideas and she schooled me about Sarah Vaughan. I schooled her about J Dilla. And she was like, "All right, we're going to start a super group. You, me, Mos (Def) and Raphael Saadiq." I was like, "OK." And she assigned homework: "All right, study this record." ... I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz; I thought I was a music snob, and I thought I had my doctorate in jazz, but no. There's so much more I could have learn-

ed. She's a teacher.

How has the band grown from being on the Jimmy Fallon show?

Being on the Jimmy Fallon show has introduced a word that has never been in our vocabulary. We've never, ever rehearsed as a band. We never practiced. Shockers, I know. ... So once we come to Fallon, we're now confined to a very tight space, and it's just the eight of us looking at each other, and it's very awkward. ... It's like we didn't know how to play. ... Once we got in a groove, we just practiced a lot. And now we're better musicians, we're better songwriters, we're better engineers, we're better producers. We're just more focused on our songwriting than ever. I wish we had this type of discipline and preparation at the beginning of our career. So I feel like now we're just on our second album.

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SCENE



Changes in the Den

No more Mr. Nice dragon

Another dragon is leaving the Dragons' Den. BC-TV says tech mogul Robert Herjavec will not return to the business-minded series next season. Herjavec is one of the show's original five judges and was considered one of the nice assessors of wannabe titans. He's also the second judge to leave the show in as many years.

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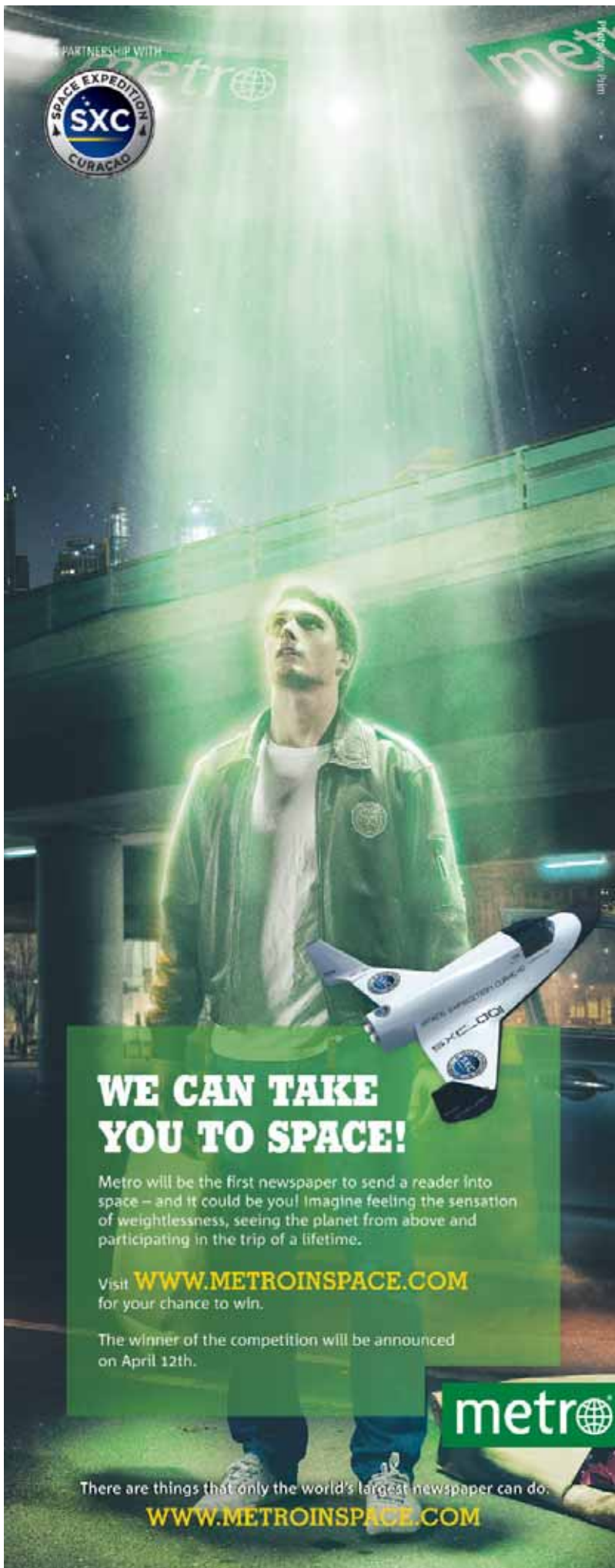
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From TV to movie

Cult shows. From Star Trek to The X-Files to Saturday Night Live: small screen hits can often be big films at the box office



IN FOCUS

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When Jonah Hill's reboot of 21 Jump Street hits theatres this weekend, it joins a long list of big screen adaptations of small screen hits.

Everything from sci-fi shows like The X-Files to comedies like The Addams Family and even reality and games shows (Jackass and The Gong Show) have made the leap from TV to theatres.

Hill describes the new 21 Jump Street as an "R-rated, insane, Bad-Boys-meets-John Hughes-type movie." I don't remember the TV show the movie is based on as being that edgy but if William Shatner's cop show T.J. Hooker can be turned into an adult-friendly flick called T.J. Hookers, I suppose anything is possible.



Flying high: Channing Tatum stars in the new 21 Jump Street. HANDOUT

Probably the most spun-off TV franchise is Star Trek. Between the original show and the TV offshoots, 11 films have gone where no film series has gone before. The 2009 J.J. Abrams reboot with Chris Pine as James T. Kirk was a special effects extravaganza but the Wrath of Khan seems to tickle Trekkies the most. Based on the 1967 episode Space Seed, it's believed to be the first time a movie was made as a sequel to a specific episode.


Ricardo Montalban took a break from Fantasy Island to take the role, but had one request: he was a gym devotee and wanted costumes that would show off his muscular chest.

Finally, sketch comedy shows have also been a fertile

breeding ground for movies. Saturday Night Live has spawned a dozen films, giving us characters like Wayne and Garth and the Coneheads.

Years before SNL was even on television legendary comedy troupe Monty Python used cinema as a way to court a new worldwide audience for their TV show. And Now for Something Completely Different contains re-filmed skits from the first two seasons of their show, including the classic Nudge, Nudge, and Dead Parrot sketches.

The movie is best summed up in the words of Sergeant-Major (played by Graham Chapman). "Now, I would just like to point out that this film is displaying a distinct tendency to become silly."



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Spears looking at big payday for taking X Factor judge spot

Maybe Britney Spears won't be taking a spot at the X Factor judges' table after all, as the singer has reportedly balked at a \$10 million offer from Simon Cowell's singing competition after asking for \$20 million, according to Hollywood Life.

But negotiations aren't dead, as Spears reportedly would still be interested if the show could offer an "exit clause," allowing her to bow out after one season if she wanted.

"Money is not an issue for the show. As of now, they are looking to pay her \$12 to \$15 million for the first season, with a drastic price hike for a second year based on ratings performance," a source says.

"Simon Cowell wants at least a two-year commitment, and Britney wants an out clause if she doesn't want to continue after one year of service."



DiCaprio still searching for someone to settle down with

Why is Leonardo DiCaprio still single? Because he hasn't found love yet, he says.

"My first love? Boy I don't even remember," DiCaprio tells the Sun. "I suppose if I'd found my true love I would be married right now, wouldn't I?"

And while he still hasn't found what he's looking for, DiCaprio has definitely learned what he doesn't want.

"Pretentious women really turn me off," he says. "Vindictive women, too. I think what turns me on about a girl is what most men find attractive — which is something genuine about them. Being a good person."



Bieber adding to his collection of religious tattoos

Justin Bieber has added another piece to his collection of religious body art, tattooing a pair of praying hands on his calf, according to Hollycoop.

Bieber already has some religious tattoos.

He has Jesus' name in Hebrew running down his ribcage as well as a portrait of Jesus on the back of his leg.



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Man vs. Wild gets killed off by Discovery



THE WORD
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Bear Grylls has no qualms about drinking his own urine on national television — and this is the thanks he gets?

In shocking news, it was announced yesterday that the Discovery Channel fired the popular hunky outdoorsman from his show *Man Vs. Wild*, after the network was unable to get Grylls to participate in two unannounced projects he was contracted for, sources tell The Hollywood Reporter.

The British Grylls has been with the Discovery Channel since 2006 and in that time has become an international sensation, channeling the show's popularity into endorsement deals with Dockers and Degree deodorant, as well as numerous book deals, an iPhone app, his



own clothing line and a video game.

It's all very strange — of course he should honor his contract but it's hard to believe that the Discovery Channel would just so abruptly fire one of their most successful personalities.

Considering this guy has bitten off the head of a snake to eat for breakfast, you kind of have to wonder what was in that contract that he wouldn't do?

Piers Morgan not fond of Kate Moss and Madonna

Piers Morgan doesn't mince words when it comes to some of the women he doesn't care for, including Kate Moss and Madonna.

"If people actually knew what she was like, they would never, ever be interested in her again," he tells the Mirror of Moss, whom he says literally kicks him whenever they see each other at public functions.

"She's just a vile little creature."

As for Madonna, whom Morgan had banned from his CNN talk show, he says she is fake.

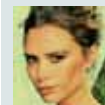
"She's a complete con artist and those arms are just terrifying," he says.

"It's like watching Conan the Barbarian. She's



looking even more barbaric than ever at the moment, utterly grotesque."

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Corset factory a historic site

A Quebec City building where corsets were manufactured for almost a century has been added to Canada's official roster of national historic sites. Known as La Fabrique, the four-storey red-brick building in the downtown Saint Roch district was the site of Dominion Corset from 1897 to 1988. The company was among the city's main employers and one of Canada's largest manufacturers of corsets and undergarments.

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On the Web



Want a good deal on summer travel? As fuel and airfares rise, now is time to jump



From left, clockwise: P.J. Clarke's is name-dropped in Mad Men; P.J. Clarke's bartender Doug Quinn serves up cocktails; P.J. Clarke's is a bustling night spot. TINA FINEBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mad for Manhattan

New York. With anticipation of the return of *Mad Men*, check out some of Don Draper's favourite haunts

Mad Men fans, it's time for a cocktail.

The return of the AMC show March 25 after a hiatus of a year and a half is cause for celebration, and there's no better place to raise your glass than in Manhattan at one of Don Draper's favourite haunts.

While many of the places name-dropped in *Mad Men* no longer exist — Lutece, the Stork Club, Toots Shor's — there are plenty that do, among them P.J. Clarke's, the Roosevelt Hotel and Sardi's. Some Manhattan bars, clubs and hotels are even offering packages, drinks or viewing

parties to mark the show's return.

Of course, the series is filmed in California, so what you see on TV are well-researched sets, not real Manhattan bars.

But *Mad Men* fans will not be disappointed by reality: many of the establishments that turn up on the show retain a classy, retro vibe in real life, and can offer a fun, sophisticated setting for drinks or a meal.

Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin, authors of *The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook*, provide A Handy List of Mad Men Haunts in their book along with recipes from them.

"Some of these places just never go out of style, like the Grand Central Oyster Bar," said Zheutlin. "It's such a classic and bustling place."

Mad Men aficionados know the Oyster Bar at the landmark train terminal was not mentioned by name on the show,

Party like Mad Men

To celebrate the return of *Mad Men* after a long 18 months, some Manhattan haunts are hosting parties for fans of the TV series.

- **Event.** The Pierre, a Taj Hotel, at 2 E. 61st St., which in *Mad Men* housed offices for the Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce firm, will host a party March 27 at its Two E Bar/Lounge in honour of

the new season. Fans are invited to dress up in their favourite *Mad Men* outfits and try cocktails like a creme de menthe grasshopper or a "bikini martini," a gin, schnapps and blue curacao drink created in honour of the character Joan Holloway. The \$14 cocktails will be offered Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., along with a no-cover jazz duo.

but it's believed to be the place where Don takes Roger Sterling for a martini-and-oyster lunch.

P.J. Clarke's, at Third Avenue and 55th Street, manages to appeal to a trendy 21st-century sensibility while channeling the classic cool that got the crowd from *Mad Men* ad agency Sterling Cooper drinking and doing the twist. P.J.

Clarke's "was the site of many *Mad Men* parties," Gelman said.

"I think there might be more scenes set there" than any other bar or restaurant.

According to its real-life bartender, Doug Quinn, P.J. Clarke's "was a joint often frequented by Madison Avenue advertising executives during the 1960s."

"Our bar and restaurant continues to be a destination for this crowd."

The Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th St. at Madison Avenue, where Don stayed after his wife Betty threw him out, is offering a *Mad Men* in the City package, starting at \$425 a night through June 30, so guests can "experience New York City as Don Draper would," according to Kevin Croke, the hotel's director of sales and marketing.

The package includes accommodations, '60s-era themed cocktails at the hotel's lobby-level Madison Club Lounge or its rooftop bar, called mad46. Guests also get a DVD of the show's fourth season, a copy of *The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook*, and tickets to the Paley Center for Media at 25 W. 52nd St., where the hotel has reserved a screening booth for viewing ads from the era.

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EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News in London

Last week, The Queen took Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge, and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, for high tea on their visit to London department store Fortnum and Mason, a tradition that dates back to 1865 when the Duchess of Bedford called for a selection of snacks halfway between lunch and supper.

But this eccentric and quintessentially British experience is not just enjoying a revival with Duchesses. Afternoon tea so neatly services Britain's new home-baking obsession, the vogue for exotic teas and the compul-

sion to find ever-more-exciting ways of celebrating baby showers and hen parties that tearooms through London are bursting at the seams. And there's plenty of hot competition for those famous hotels churning out costly teas in two-hour slots from morning until night.

At five-star deluxe Dukes, an award-winning boutique hotel gem tucked down a backstreet of the upmarket St James area, demand from their clients is such that head chef Nigel Mendham has created The Ultimate Afternoon Tea. Served up in a nook of the intimate salon of this country house in the city, or privately in the sumptuous green and pink Perrier-Jouët lounge, this mini banquet marries heirloom tomatoes to Iberico bellota, Royal Beluski Caviar to smoked salmon sandwiches, alba white truffle to Dry aged beef, gold leaf to macaroons and Tahitian vanilla to scones, and then to a flute of Perrier-Jouët Belle Epoque champagne for

Top or bottom?

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the princely sum of \$300 per head (dukeshotel.com).

At haven The Halkin a new chocolate-themed tea has been introduced, to celebrate the hotel's 20th anniversary. Conceived by award-winning chocolatier, William Curley, the 'Couture Chocolate Tea' adds Chocolate Financier with Passion fruit Curd, Orange and Chocolate Sacher, Sea Salt Caramel and Raspberry Tart to its selection of sweets (halkin.com).bz).



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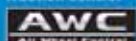
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Smoked salmon proves that fine dining doesn't have to be difficult

Risotto. This tasty Champagne Shiitake-Salmon dish is elegant enough to impress even the most picky of your dinner guests

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 1 large onion, diced
- 140 g (5 oz) shiitake mushroom caps, thinly sliced
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) arborio rice
- 550 ml (2 1/4 cups) dry sparkling wine
- 750 ml (3 cups) chicken stock or broth, warmed to a simmer
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 125 g (4 oz) smoked salmon, cut into thin strips

At your next dinner party, take the fine dining route by easily whipping up a dinner that leaves your guests feeling like you've gone all out to prepare the perfect meal.

The trick? Making sure a bit of bubbly is involved at every step of the process — beginning to end.

This simple but richly decadent risotto studded with thinly sliced shiitake mushrooms and strips of smoked salmon will do it. A generous amount of sparkling wine added throughout the cooking process ensures the experience is sophisticated.

Don't like bubbles? You can always substitute a dry Riesling. Don't care for smoked salmon? Substitute small shrimp (and cook for an extra 3 to 5 minutes, or until just pink and firm).

Be sure to enjoy the remaining sparkling wine when you serve up this risotto.

1 In a skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add onion and shiitakes; sauté for 4 minutes. Add rice and cook, stirring constantly, for

1 minute. Add 250 ml (1 cup) of the wine and cook, stirring constantly, until completely absorbed.

2 Add half of the chicken stock or broth, stir several times, then let simmer until liquid is nearly completely absorbed. Continue adding stock, 125 ml (1/2 cup) at a time and stirring constantly until absorbed between each addition.

3 When all of the stock has been added and absorbed, add another 250 ml (1 cup) of the sparkling wine. Stir until absorbed. The rice should be tender, but still just barely firm at the centre. Stir in cinnamon, salt and pepper. Add cheese and mix until melted and creamy. Adjust seasonings.

4 Remove the pan from heat. Stir in salmon and remaining sparkling wine to serve. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Champagne Shiitake-Salmon Risotto



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Passion-Politan

Bring the passion back to your relationship with the Passion-Politan. This romantic cocktail is just as visually pleasing as it is delicious.

1 Combine ingredients except champagne or sparkling wine in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake and add sparkling wine, stir and strain into a martini glass. Float the rose petals on top of the cocktail.

- 1 oz SKYY Vodka
- 1.5 oz Passionfruit Liqueur
- 0.75 oz rose syrup (such as Monin)
- 0.5 oz

lime juice

- Rosé champagne or rosé sparkling wine

• 1 rose petal

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Give guests the star treatment with Smoked Salmon Stars

This fun appetizer is dazzling with its use of creamy cheese and a zip of lemon. It's a perfect match for great tasting smoked salmon.

Have one of your guests bring a bottle of Domaine Carneros rose sparkling wine to serve with these fancy appetizers. They work so well together.

To make the zest, use a sharp citrus stripper to peel long strips from a lemon. Make sure you get only the

yellow peel, as the white pith underneath is bitter. If you do this in advance, cover the zest with a damp paper towel and plastic wrap so the lemon curls do not dry out before you use them.

1 Toast bread, then let it cool to room temperature by placing on a rack or leaving in the toaster. If you put the hot toast on a plate, it will steam under-

neath and become soggy.

2 Using a channel knife or vegetable peeler remove rind from lemon. Thinly slice if using vegetable peeler and set aside.

3 Spread 10 to 15 ml (2 to 3 tsp) of cheese over each piece of toast. Top with salmon, trimming to fit, if necessary. Use a star cookie cutter to cut each slice into as many stars as possible.

Garnish with lemon strips. Place caviar, if using, in centre of star.

4 Arrange on a platter and serve.

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Ingredients

- 6 slices of pumpernickel bread or your choice of thick sliced bread
- 1 pkg (146 g/5.2 oz) garlic and herb cheese (such as Boursin) at room temperature
- 125 g (4 oz) thinly sliced smoked salmon
- 1 lemon
- Black caviar (optional)



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What's your type?

According to a Robert Half Technology survey of more than 1,800 CIOs in Canada and the U.S., the top 5 most in-demand technical skills are:

- 1) Network administration
- 2) Database management
- 3) Desktop support
- 4) Windows administration
- 5) Wireless network management

Student Voice

I found the key to landing jobs in IT: Volunteer work

Davis Wang
Graduate - Computer Science,
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In my experience, the only way to secure a job is by having related work experience and by nailing the interview.

Most jobs in the IT field nowadays require previous work experience, but you've got to start somewhere right? I found the answer in volunteering. I did not have hundreds of volunteer hours in school, but I made sure that the volunteering opportunities that I did pursue were relevant and useful to my future career. I held positions such as computer literacy tutor, website designer and IT assistant.

These volunteer opportunities taught me not only technical skills, but more importantly, leadership skills and a knack for speaking in groups and to superiors. These soft skills proved highly useful during interviews.

Because I had a good combination of skills going into interviews, I wasn't as nervous as I'd be if I were unprepared. I also truly believed that I was qualified for the position, so I treated the interview as an opportunity to explain to the employer what I could bring to their company.

Too often, students think they're being scrutinized and judged during an interview, and they let their



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Stay positive:

Plain and simple, it is always tough to go through the application and hiring process, so new job seekers should remain positive and optimistic, especially during job interviews. Employers are attracted to positive thinkers.

Be assertive in your job search:

Never stop networking! Utilize online resources

like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, and find ways to network in person as well. People forget to do this all the time and rely solely on the Internet, but personally reaching out to employers has a timeless effect.

Stay up to date on the latest technology:

Consider continuing education courses, online learning, etc. There are also so many free, online tools to keep your skills current. Do-

ing this shows an employer that you are not only resourceful, but that you are eager and ready to work.

Polish your soft skills:

Employers want someone with great communication skills who is able to work well with anyone.

Always check your ego at the door, and be willing and able to collaborate with others on the team. Job seekers often get so caught up on solely adver-

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nerves get the best of them.

I also think that employers are looking at performance potential just as much as they're looking at your current credentials. That's why it's important to demonstrate your eagerness to learn during the interview.

Where I am now. I am currently working as a software engineer at Tagged.com, a San Francisco-based social-networking destination with over 100 million registered users and 6 billion page-views per month.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career-centres. I think seasonal positions, such as internships, are a great way for employers to test drive students. A lot of what employers look for in potential candidates cannot be shown on a piece of paper or by spending half an hour with the candidate.

My recommendation for students. Build your resumé by pursuing volunteer opportunities or internships that are relevant to your future career choice.

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Every day at work, Paul Doiron steps in and out of his office about 20 times. To account for his frequent movement, he has a sensor set up that turns on the lights when he enters the room and shuts them off when he is out of the office for more than 10 minutes.

Technology like this is increasingly common and it's not surprising that Doiron has it in his office; he's an electrical engineer by trade. Doiron is part-owner of A.H. Roy & Associates Ltd., a mechanical and electrical engineering firm in Antigonish.

"Everything is all about energy and saving energy now," he says, noting there

is a large emphasis on the greenness of the materials used in construction, as well as the mechanical and electrical design of a building.

On the electrical engineering front, the sensor technology Doiron has in his office is just one example of a piece of technology being used to reduce energy consumption. Other examples include daylight sensors that detect "if you're near a window and there's enough daylight coming in, then your lights are not required," he says.

This technology is particularly popular in schools.

"The exterior wall is usually full of windows, so they'll switch one or two rows off because of the daylight sensor," says Doiron.

On the mechanical design front, engineers are increasingly using innovative solutions to reduce water consumption and heat and cool buildings in an energy-efficient fashion.

For example, Doiron says engineers are

designing systems to collect rainwater for use in flushing a building's toilets. In these instances, it no longer becomes necessary to use regular tap water for the purpose of flushing toilets.

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ENGINEERS TO PLAY HANDS-ON ROLE IN SHIPBUILDING PROJECT

While much attention to the \$25 billion shipbuilding contract has focused on the tradespeople that will be needed to complete the project, the project will also include a significant need for engineers.

“The ships contract will certainly be hiring lots and lots of engineers,” says Joshua Leon, the dean of the Faculty of Engineering at Dalhousie University.

Engineers will play an important role in many aspects of the project, including the design side, which is a field of engineering known as ocean engineering (or naval architecture).

“Outside of the typical design work that would take place around building ships, there will also be a lot of work for industrial engineers,” says Leon.

Industrial engineering is a branch of engineering focused on developing more efficient processes and systems. Within the context of the shipbuilding project, an industrial engineer could find themselves trying to achieve multiple objectives.

“How are they going to build ships more efficiently?” says Leon. “How will they schedule when materials come in and when materials are used?”

With the ships being “tremendously complicated beasts,” as Leon puts it, electrical engineers will be needed to develop the electrical systems in place on the ships, while civil and structural engineers will be focused on figuring out what the best materials are that are efficient and durable, yet lightweight.

While the shipbuilding project itself will increase the demand for engineers, the accompanying economic spinoffs will also increase the need for engineers.

Leon points to the housing sector as an example.

“If there’s an apartment building going up, there are engineering firms designing it,” he says.

With the expected influx of workers, there will be an increased demand for housing. Apartment and condo construction will be especially prevalent in urban Halifax as there is a lack of available land on which to build.

Leon says that while the current career prospects for engineering graduates in Nova Scotia are good, they will get even better. “There will be many more opportunities here than there are now,” he says.

The \$25 billion shipbuilding project will increase the need for engineers.



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Final piece of a juggernaut?

NHL. Already winners of nine straight, Penguins prepare to reinsert 'the best hockey player in the world' into lineup

Sidney Crosby is returning to new linemates and a new role with the NHL's hottest team.

But Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma still expects to see the Crosby of old despite his current 40-game layoff and the 102 games the star forward has missed over two seasons because of concussion-related issues.

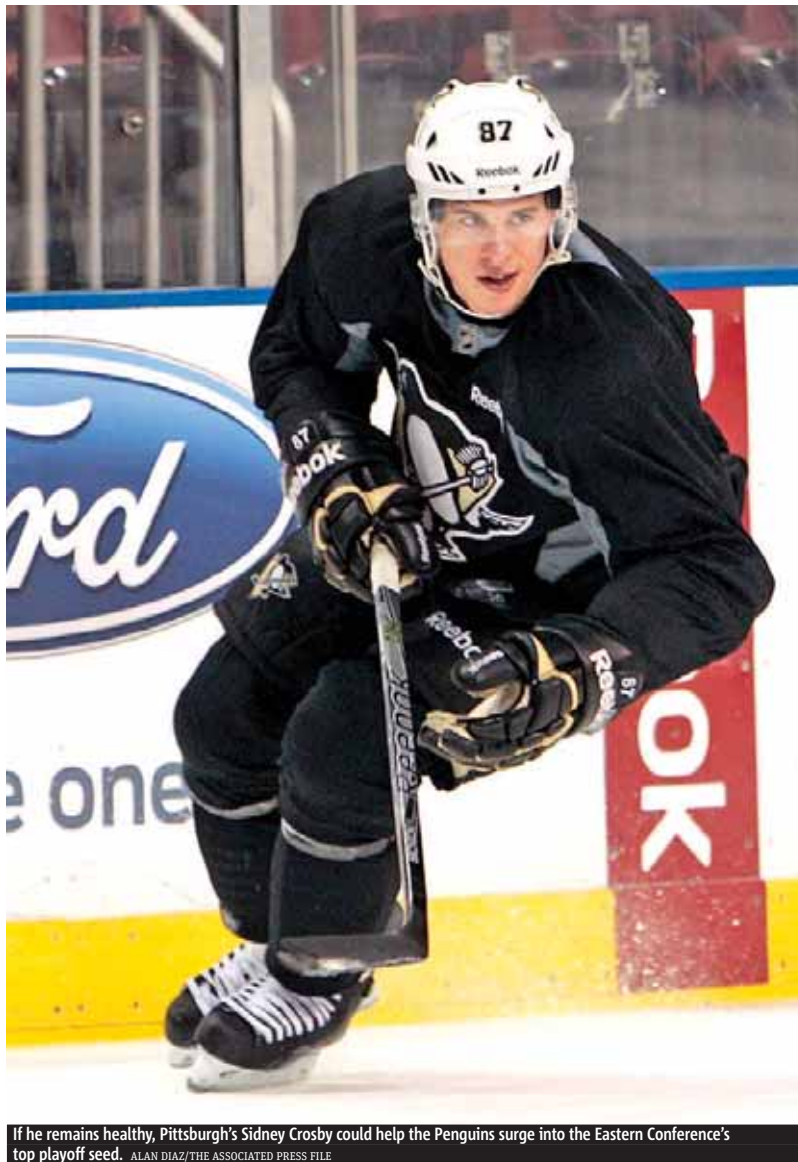
The Cole Harbour native, out since Dec. 5, announced Tuesday he will play Thursday night against the Rangers in New York. The Penguins, riding a nine-game winning streak, are four points behind New York in the race for the top-seed in the Eastern Conference.

What already was a marquee game for the NHL just got even bigger. Much bigger.

"I think it's unrealistic that he's going to step into Madison Square Garden and be the only show on the ice," Bylsma said. "But I know how the guy plays. I know how fast he is going to go. I know what's going to happen when he has the puck with speed. You know how he's going to be able to play down low with the puck, and you expect to see that player step on the ice. That's a really good hockey player. That's the best hockey player in the world."

Penguins centre Evgeni Malkin arguably has been that player with Crosby out, piling up a league-high 84 points. Now, Crosby is coming back at a key point in the season, with 14 games remaining for Pittsburgh and the playoff race still undecided.

"I know Geno is excited to be on the same ice with Sid again," Bylsma said of Malkin. "I still think it's a great challenge for our team. We're not a shoo-in to be a really good team when they all come



If he remains healthy, Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby could help the Penguins surge into the Eastern Conference's top playoff seed. ALAN DIAZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

back."

Crosby admittedly feels better than he did when he returned nearly four months ago after missing the final 41 games of last season and the

first 20 games this season. He dazzled the New York Islanders with a two-goal, four point night on Nov. 21, but he didn't have another goal in the other seven games he played before

the concussion symptoms returned following a physical Dec. 5 game against Boston.

This time, general manager Ray Shero said, "He feels better than last time and knows what

Line dancing

For now, Penguins coach Dan Bylsma plans to keep intact his productive top two lines of Chris Kunitz-Evgeni Malkin-James Neal and Steve Sullivan-Jordan Staal-Pascal Dupuis.

- Still, Bylsma plans to put Sidney Crosby and Malkin together at times and also slot Crosby and Staal together, a unit previously unseen.
- Bylsma plans to limit Crosby to 14-15 minutes a game, although he knows that could prove difficult.
- "You don't pace Sidney Crosby," he said.

to expect this time."

"I probably feel a little bit better just knowing what to expect," Crosby said. "I think it's easier going through it this time. I know what to expect. That first game was pretty overwhelming. It was a lot of fun, but that being said I'll take it more in stride this time and make sure I'm getting better with every game."

After being cleared for contact last week, Crosby weighed whether to return Sunday against the Bruins, only to decide that he hadn't had enough contact to play in a game so late in the regular season.

Defenceman Kris Letang, a key to the Penguins' much-improved power play, also could play Thursday. He has missed five games with concussion-like symptoms, but was cleared to practice Tuesday.

"As a player you definitely get excited when you see guys starting to come back," defenceman Paul Martin said. "You definitely get a good feeling."

Crosby would have as many as 14 regular-season games remaining before the playoffs if he gets through the rest of the schedule without any further problems. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

In brief

Dolphins trade Marshall to Bears

The Chicago Bears have acquired Pro Bowl receiver Brandon Marshall in a trade with the Miami Dolphins. There was speculation the Bears would go after a high-profile free-agent receiver such as Vincent Jackson, but they filled their biggest hole with a blockbuster deal instead, sending two undisclosed draft picks to Miami. Marshall made the Pro Bowl for the third time last year, when he had 81 catches for 1,214 yards and six scores. But he also dropped at least four potential touchdown catches and failed to end his career-long playoff drought.

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Alex Radulov's potential return to the NHL is causing almost as much controversy as

his departure.

With NHL general managers gathered for their annual March meetings, virtually all of the buzz Tuesday in Boca Raton, Fla., surrounded the league's decision to allow the 25-year-old Russian forward to rejoin the Nashville Predators without clearing waivers.

The decision was made in conjunction with NHL Players' Association and relayed to the GMs by deputy commissioner Bill Daly. Some weren't happy.

"This group shouldn't have been surprised by this," said Daly. "I've given that advice consistently with respect to

every player who has gone AWOL on his contract. But, the guys in this room are competitors."

There is still no guarantee Radulov is on his way back, although Predators GM David Poile said "in his gut" he believes the timing is right for it to happen.

Radulov famously bolted Nashville in 2008 for the KHL in his homeland despite having a year left on his entry-level contract. The NHL team is willing to welcome him back, which would allow Radulov to burn off the final season of that deal if he plays

just one game.

"All the things are aligned," said Poile. "The (KHL) playoffs are over, the hurdles are cleared. He can burn off the year, get himself to free agency. More important than all of that, I've always felt like he was going to come back."

Radulov could be a game-changer for the Predators. He scored 26 goals as a sophomore in the NHL and is a two-time KHL MVP and Russian Olympian, prompting some to call him the best player outside of North America.

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Notes from Tuesday

The GMs decided to recommend a hybrid icing rule on Tuesday.

- The specific language for the rule is expected to be hammered out around June.
- At the request of GMs, the AHL will put in a "ringette line" next season to measure two-line passes.
- A proposal to eliminate defensive zone hand passes was shelved for the time being.

Moose face nation's best in final home date



Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO FILE

QMJHL. Mooseheads will 'try to put on a good show' for fans as CHL-best Sea Dogs descend on Metro Centre on Wednesday night



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If the Halifax Mooseheads want to show they're ready for the playoffs, there's no better opportunity than Wednesday night at the Metro Centre.

The Mooseheads, fresh off a 6-3 win over the last-place P.E.I. Rocket on Monday, face the first-place Saint John Sea Dogs at 7 p.m. in their final home game of the regular season and their third-to-last game overall.

The Sea Dogs, ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Hockey League, recently won 17 straight games and have beaten the Mooseheads in 24 of the past 26 head-to-head meetings.

"They've had every team's number this season and they're coming off a 30,000-game winning

Gillard getting closer

Mooseheads defenceman Steve Gillard, out since November with a concussion, began practising with contact this week and hopes to return to the lineup before the playoffs.

- Fellow blue-liner Sawyer Hannay, also concussed, hopes to be cleared for contact soon.

streak, so we know we have to come out hard," said Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon.

"We know a lot of fans want to come out to see Saint John and we'll try to put on a good show for them."

Mooseheads winger Darcy Ashley said that aside from "a couple of slip-ups," the Mooseheads have been playing "great hockey" late in the season.

But they learned in last Thursday's 7-1 road loss to the Moncton Wildcats that they need to stay focused to avoid going into the playoffs in a slump.

"We can't get too far ahead of ourselves," Ashley said. "There's still a lot of work to be done here."

Blue Jays

'Canada Day' at spring training

The Toronto Blue Jays scored five runs in the eighth inning en route to a 10-2 victory over the Canadian junior national team in a special game being held at Al Lang Field in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Jays fielded Brett Lawrie of Langley, B.C., who once played for the junior squad. Toronto also played Vancouver-born pitchers Trystan Magnuson and Scott Richmond, as well as Michael Crouse of Port Moody, B.C., Toronto's Marcus Knecht and Dalton Pompey of Oakville, Ont.

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NFL

Colts elect to keep Wayne around

Reggie Wayne is content to stay in Indianapolis.

The receiver has agreed in principle to a new deal that will keep him with the Colts, according to a person with knowledge of the deal but who requested anonymity because the details were still being worked out. Wayne is expected to sign Wednesday morning.

It's a rare move for the Colts, who last week cut Peyton Manning, line-backer Gary Brackett and safety Melvin Bullitt — all captains — along with tight end Dallas Clark and running back Joseph Addai.

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Stamkos reaches 50 again

Steven Stamkos, pictured, scored twice to reach 50 goals in a season for the second time, and the Tampa Bay Lightning jumped out to a big early lead and beat the Boston Bruins 6-1 on Tuesday night.

Tampa Bay scored three times in the first five minutes and coasted from there to help goalie Dustin Tokarski earn his first NHL victory.

His teammates made it easy for the rookie as Tom Pyatt, Nate Thompson and Ryan Shannon scored quickly to ruin Marty Turco's first start as Boston's backup goalie.

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Dal dominates track and field awards for week

The Dalhousie Tigers track and field team swept Atlantic University Sport's weekly awards on Tuesday after a great weekend at nationals

in Winnipeg. Halifax's Simon Watts was named male athlete of the week after winning a gold medal in the triple jump with a distance of 14.5 metres. Ashley Ryer took the female honour after posting a personal-best in the 1,000-metre event and finishing 0.24 of a second short of a bronze medal.

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CFL

Stampeders sign on to bring former Axemen star Squires to CFL

The Calgary Stampeders officially signed Halifax native Mike Squires on Monday.

The six-foot-four Squires,

who agreed to the deal late last year, is coming off an all-Canadian season with the Acadia Axemen, hauling down 31 catches for 432 yards and an Atlantic University Sport-best seven touchdowns in eight games.

The Halifax West graduate also played at Waterloo and Mount Allison.

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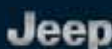
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Tossing a Dart into the fray



Review. Chrysler re-enters the compact sedan battlefield

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You can thank Giulietta for the soon-to-arrive 2013 Dodge Dart.

No, Giulietta isn't an automotive design studio, corporate executive or even a flavour of ice cream. It's an Alfa Romeo automobile that's the basis for a brand-new four-door compact sedan that wears the reconstituted Dodge Dart badge.

The fact that both Chrysler/Dodge and Alfa Romeo are controlled by the vast Italy-based Fiat automotive group has everything to do with the new Dart's creation. Although the Dart and Giulietta share the same basic platform, the Dodge version is enlarged, gets its own sheetmetal (Giulietta is hatchback, after all) and interior.

The engine selection is

straight from Fiat. The Dart is also being built at a Chrysler assembly plant in Illinois with mid-2012 slated for the official coming-out party.

Despite its Italian origins, the Dart looks like a full-fledged member of the Dodge family as the signature crosshair grille is framed by a mouth-agape grille.

The Dart's bold statement will be important since Chrysler hasn't had a compact sedan in play since the Neon back in 2005. Meanwhile, virtually every mainstream automaker has continued to offer trunk-lidded compacts, earning plenty of currency — both in dollars and brand awareness — in the process.

That might explain why the Dart moniker has been returned from the 1960s and '70s, when it was applied to a series of two- and four-door compact models.

The Dart name will probably resonate with older customers — who will either love or hate the idea of bringing it back — although many younger car buyers will likely miss the connection completely.



The black grille surround is exclusive to the R/T model. This is the elegant Limited trim with the optional 1.4-litre turbocharged engine out of the Fiat 500 Abarth.



The otherwise clean interior might be a bit overdone with the glowing dash piping. The gauge layout is innovative, though.

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The first time a Fiat 500 got the Abarth treatment was back in 1958. At that time, Abarth was an independent tuning company, and not part of Fiat as it is now, and Gina Lollobrigida was hard to ignore on the silver screen.

Back then Abarth took Fiat's just-introduced, rear-engined mini-car, and recreated it as the Abarth 595 by raising the compression ratio on the 479 cc engine, fitting a Weber carburetor, optimizing fuel and intake systems, and adding a full Abarth exhaust system.

This doubled horsepower from 13 to 26!

The Abarth 595 evolved into Abarth 695, and the spunky, little Fiats went on to claim 900 individual race victories by 1965.

Fiat's newest take on the "small but wicked" theme is the new 2012 Fiat 500 Abarth. Its turbocharged, 1.4-litre "MultiAir" engine is not quite double the output of Fiat 500's base engine (101 hp/98 lb-ft of torque), but a pretty decent upgrade. How about 160 horses and 170 torques?

Of course, the over-achieving Fiat has more than just power to offer. The car has been lowered, big-wheeled, big-braked, stiffened and over-fitted with quicker steering and better suspension. It also belts out a gnarly wail, via its Abarth-tuned dual-exhaust system.

The highlight of the inter-

The short list



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ior makeover is the leather, flat-bottom steering wheel — one of the nicest I've ever fondled.

At the car's recent press launch in Nevada, Fiat had no qualms about letting journalists thrash them about the Spring Mountain Racing Facility. The Abarth took to the track like a C-list celebrity to a reality TV series, and it wasn't nearly as temperamental. In fact, it's a very forgiving, and easy, car to drive quickly, making it ideal for anyone contemplating a first-ever track-day car, which you could also use every day



The Fiat 500 Abarth of today. CONTRIBUTED

as a cool, fuel-efficient street-car. Prices start at \$23,995, and each one comes standard with a track-day experience.

The Fiat 500 has been optimized as a space-efficient city car. Translation: its bulbous body, 64/36 front/rear weight distribution, and front-wheel drive, are not optimized for racy car activities. But that the racy transformation was done, anyways, is just another one of the charms of this engaging, hot-headed Italian.

If you want one, don't drag your feet.

"We'll sell everyone we can get," says Ed Broadbear, VP of Marketing, Chrysler Canada. He half-jokingly added that he's got his fingers crossed that the Abarth flops in U.S., so more units can be diverted north. He's already heard from many Canadian customers who got it bad for Abarth and can't wait to get their hands on one. Its potential for future cult status has already been noted by Hagerty Insurance, who included the Fiat Abarth 500 on its current list of "Future Collector Cars Under \$100,000."



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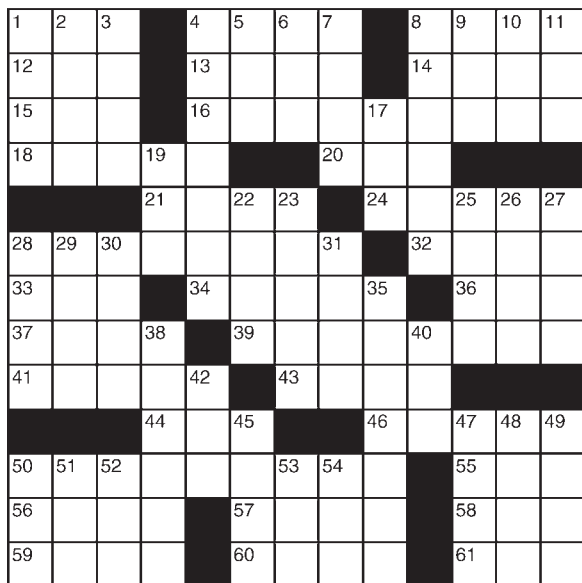
Crossword

Across

- 1 Omega preceder
- 4 Evergreen variety
- 8 Gulf War missile
- 12 Disencumber
- 13 Sauce thickener
- 14 Heap
- 15 Individual
- 16 Form into a whole
- 18 Song of David
- 20 Demure
- 21 Dines on
- 24 Coffee option
- 28 Vex
- 32 Toss the dice
- 33 Ultramodernist
- 34 Banish
- 36 Dove's call
- 37 Hammer's target
- 39 Flood
- 41 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 43 Pleased
- 44 Flop
- 46 Wherewithal
- 50 Settle in a new country
- 55 "A pox upon thee!"
- 56 Pugilist's garment
- 57 MPs' quarry
- 58 Expert
- 59 Greek vowels
- 60 Clothing store department
- 61 Scarlet

Down

- 1 Item on stage
- 2 Transgressions
- 3 Concept
- 4 Ape, e.g.
- 5 Chargé bit
- 6 Cashew or almond



- 7 Corp. higher-up
- 8 More agile
- 9 U.S. spy grp.
- 10 Last (Abbr.)
- 11 Sandra or Ruby
- 17 Deity
- 19 Floral neckwear
- 22 Cab
- 23 Con game
- 25 Imogene of old TV
- 26 Oodles
- 27 Ice sheet
- 28 Hostels
- 29 Harvest
- 30 Stir up
- 31 Hebrew month
- 35 Paint store choices
- 38 Half the audi-

- ence?
- 40 JFK predecessor
- 42 Yank
- 45 Pharmacist's weight
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- 48 Pleasant
- 49 Start a garden
- 50 Rage
- 51 Witticism
- 52 Biz deg.
- 53 Shock and —
- 54 Won — soup

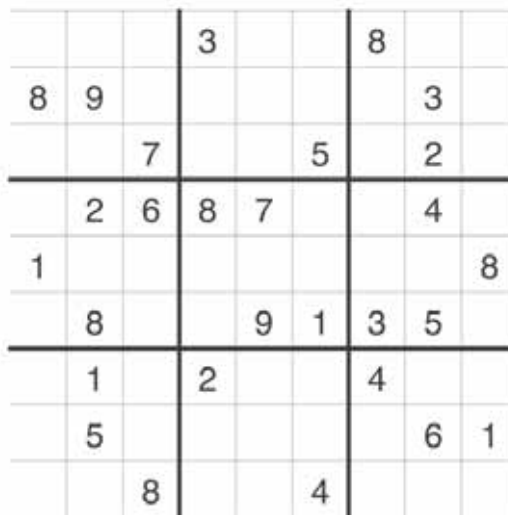
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Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer



Send a kiss

- **Honey Bee.** We both have wings but yet the wind blows Different ways for us. Miss you so much but your sting hurts to much...Can't wait no more for the rose.. XOOX bye bye Honey Bee,your Angel always
- **Ross.** You know you're the best thing that's happened to me in this city. I would never wanna let you go, and I'll happily wait for the time when you express your love for me. P.S. You're an awesome cook. xoxoxo From Jellybean
- **My Husband.** I see you on here & you will get caught this time. I will not come back why do you play with my heart take me for granted? forever forever what a joke you are. your wife
- **My Ladies.** I know u find me resistable but i just wanted u to know that i am still counting on the day u make me lemon loaf. Please yodel for me my lady From Lavernge
- **Confuse Anything.** my mind & body hasn't fully restored itself from last 2 weeks. I'm recovering...Pls be. From mm

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Try not to get emotional today — and under no circumstances get emotional about money or material things.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

The planets indicate that if you focus your mind on positive things, negative will cease to exist.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You may suffer some kind of setback today but the thing to remember is that in the greater scheme of things, it is minor.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Wishful thinking seems to be a bit of a problem for you at the moment. Stop living in your head.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Don't rush into a new situation today. Take your time and get a feel for what it's about then make your play based on your instincts.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

If you have your doubts about something then you must speak up, even if you risk annoying people higher up the pecking order.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Do something irrational and outrageous, something that gets tongues wagging.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

If a relationship has not been going well of late, now is the time to kiss and make up. Make it a sizzler.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Someone wants to repay you for a favour or several favours you did for them a while back.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

Creatively and romantically, this is quite possibly one of the very best days of the year so far.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

You won't be interested in work, but certain tasks still need to be finished. Do whatever it takes to get others to do things for you.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

You know a good thing when you see one and what you are looking at now is as good as it gets.

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Thursday

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